

P-427, 421/CP-85-652 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for
Extended Area Service Between
the Zimmerman Exchange and the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 16, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING NEGOTIATIONS AND ESTABLISHING TIME FRAMES in this matter. The Order established a time frame for the filing of information in this proceeding by Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company (Sherburne), which serves the Zimmerman exchange, and U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC), which serves the majority of the metro calling area. The Order also stated that if Sherburne and USWC could not negotiate a resolution of the meet-point issue, the Commission would resolve it.

On August 9, 1991, USWC submitted a letter to the Commission indicating that it had reached an agreement with Sherburne on the meet point issue. In that letter, USWC also requested a 45 day extension to file its revised cost study and proposed rates.

On September 23, 1991, the Commission issued an ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION, giving the affected telephone companies until October 14, 1991 to file their cost studies and proposed rates. The affected telephone companies were: USWC, Sherburne, GTE of Minnesota (GTE Minnesota), Vista Telephone Company of Minnesota (Vista), United Telephone Company (United), Scott-Rice Telephone Company (Scott-Rice), and Eckles Telephone Company (Eckles).

On October 16, 1991, the affected telephone companies filed their cost studies and proposed rates. Revisions to those cost studies and proposed rates were submitted as late as November 19, 1991.

On December 2, 1991, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a request for a three week extension for filing its report and recommendation in this matter.

On January 7, 1992, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In support of its request for a time extension in this matter, the Department cited the fact that Sherburne, the telephone company serving the petitioning exchange, filed its responses to the Department's information requests three weeks late. In addition, USWC refiled its EAS studies on November 12, 1991 in this and several related dockets that the Department is simultaneously processing.

The Commission finds that the Department has shown good cause for the requested extension and, therefore, will grant it. The Department will have three weeks from the date of this Order to file its report and recommendation on this matter.

ORDER

1. The request by the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) is granted. The Department shall have three weeks from the date of this Order to file its report and recommendation in this matter.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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